Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Family businesses are the backbone of the Midwest economy and account for 90 percent of the businesses in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Since 1993, the Prairie Family Business Association of The University of South Dakota's Beacom School of Business has provided educational and informational services to foster successful and healthy family businesses; and,

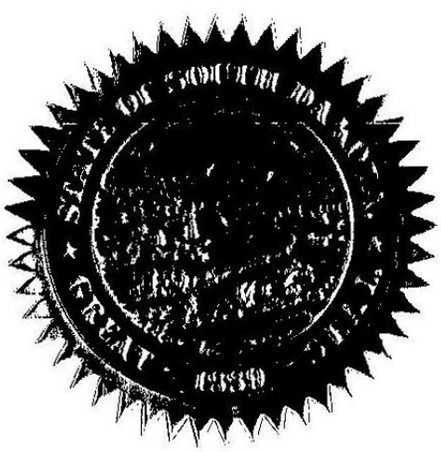
Whereas, Three of the region's exemplary family firms will be honored on April 23, 2009, with the Prairie Family Business Awards and the Heritage Family Business Award, acknowledging their contributions to their industries, their communities, and to our region's economy; and,

Whereas, The cornerstone of the association, the world-class annual Prairie Family Business Conference, will be held April 23-24, 2009, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with leading information in the field of family business education and is recognized as the #1 networking event in the region for business owning families:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 20-24, 2009, as

FAMILY BUSINESS WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State